

ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code to readopt and extend the expiration date of Chapter 3.35 – Commission on Insurance, which provides for the creation of the Commission on Insurance.

Chapter 3.35, which contained an expiration date of December 31, 2005 unless extended by action of the board of supervisors, was inadvertently allowed to expire. Therefore, it is necessary for the board to adopt the attached amended Chapter 3.35 which is identical to the original Chapter 3.35 except for the extension of the sunset date under Section 3.35.100 thereof from December 31, 2005 to March 31, 2011.

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10/06/06 (requested)

10/23/06 (revised)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees of the County of Los Angeles Code to adopt and continue Chapter 3.35 -- Commission on Insurance, and extend the expiration date thereof.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 3.35 – Commission on Insurance is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

Chapter 3.35

COMMISSION ON INSURANCE

3.35.010 Created.

- A. There is hereby continued the Los Angeles County commission on insurance, hereinafter referred to in this chapter as the "commission."
- B. The commission shall have 10 positions. A member of the commission shall be appointed to a vacant position by, and serve at the pleasure of the board of supervisors, which shall be referred to in this chapter as the "board."

3.35.020 Purpose.

The purpose of the commission shall be to act in an advocacy capacity to the board on all matters relating to consumer insurance issues, including automobile liability, homeowners', health and earthquake insurance, and to provide written reports and make policy recommendations to the board on such matters.

3.35.030 Membership—Length of Service—Vacancies.

- A. Each member of the commission shall serve a term of two years and at the pleasure of the board. Nominations for appointment to vacant positions shall be made as provided in Section 3.100.050 of Chapter 3.100.
- B. No member of the commission may serve more than two consecutive full periods of service. The board, by order, may extend this length of service or waive this limit for individuals or the commission as a whole.
- C. A member's position on the commission shall become vacant upon his or her death, resignation or removal by the board. In the case of such a vacancy, the board shall appoint a successor to serve until the position next becomes vacant under subsection A of this section.
- D. The provisions of Chapter 5.12 of the county code shall not apply to the commission.

3.35.40 Compensation.

The members of the commission shall serve without compensation.

3.35.50 Staff.

The executive officer-clerk of the board of supervisors shall provide administrative support to the commission and subcommittees thereof.

3.35.60 Meetings.

The commission shall meet not less than once every other month.

3.35.70 Operational procedures.

A quorum shall consist of the majority of currently appointed commission members. The commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman and such other officers as it deems appropriate. The commission shall adopt bylaws or other procedural guidelines which may include provisions relating to the election of officers, their terms of office, methods of voting, the establishment and structure of committees, and such other rules, procedures and regulations the commission may desire.

3.35.80 Qualifications for membership.

The board in appointing members to the commission shall, insofar as possible, appoint individuals based on the following criteria:

- A. Member shall be selected on the basis of experience or knowledge in the area of consumer insurance, including automobile liability, homeowners', health and earthquake insurance.
- B. Members should be broadly representative of the community.

3.35.90 Duties.

- A. The duties of the commission shall be as follows:
 - 1. Keep the board informed of significant developments, court cases, and the status of pending legislation concerning consumer insurance matters, including automobile liability, homeowners', health and earthquake insurance.
 - 2. Submit regular and special reports and recommendations to the board as it deems appropriate.

3. Develop information and make recommendations on methods of reducing costs of insurance.
 4. Develop recommendations which will improve consumer education and broaden community awareness regarding insurance issues.
- B. In furtherance of the commissions duties, upon prior specific approval by the board, the commission may be authorized to conduct public hearings, to call witnesses and experts, present testimony and participate in insurance matters before the Congress, State Legislature or State Insurance Commission or other appropriate public bodies.

3.35.100 Sunset Review Date.

The sunset review date for the commission on insurance shall be ~~December~~
March 31, 2005 2011.

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